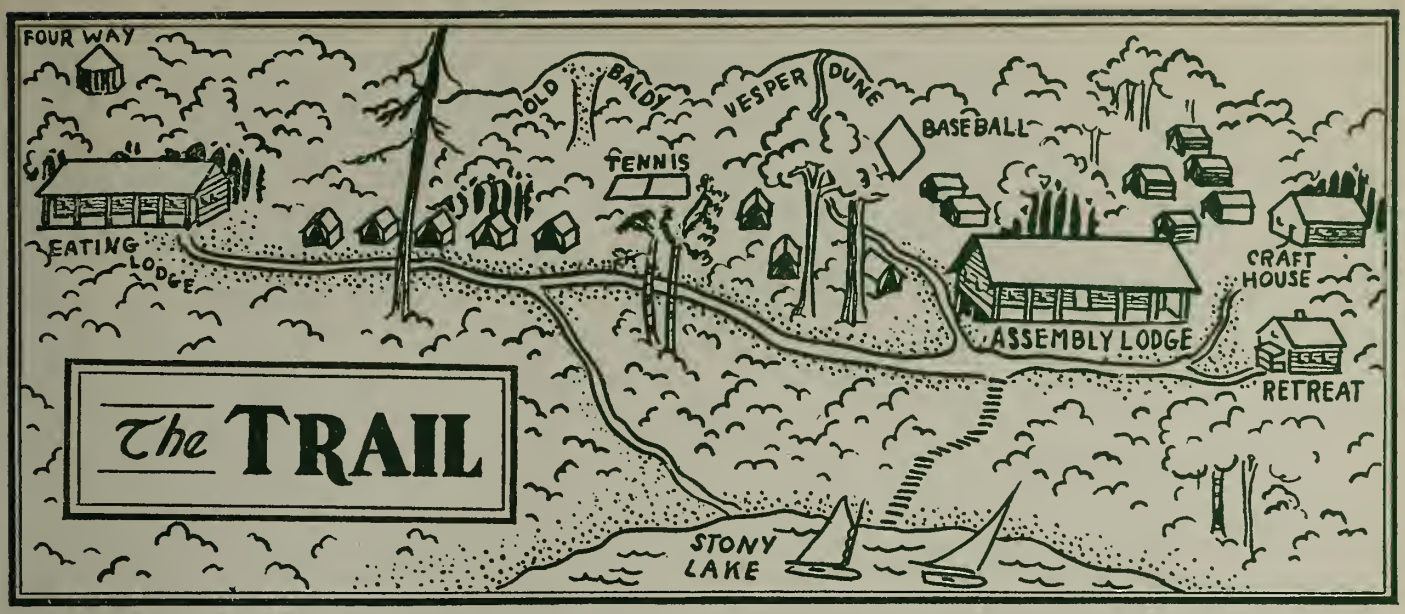

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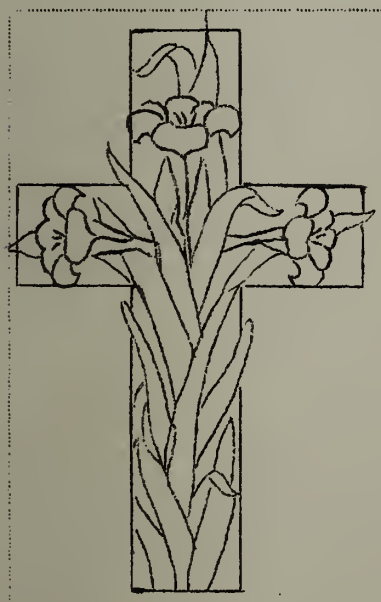


March, 1951

WHAT DOES EASTER TELL US ?

Easter is again speaking to us! What is it saying?

On March 25, 1951, commit to memory James T. MacKay's answering sonnet:

"And so they buried Lincoln? Strange and vain!
Has any creature thought of Lincoln hid
In any vault 'neath any coffin lid,
In all the years since that wild spring of pain?
'Tis false - he never in the grave hath lain.
You could not bury him although you slid
Upon his clay the Cheops Pyramid
Or heaped it with the Rocky Mountain chain.
They slew themselves; they but set Lincoln free.
In all this earth his great heart beats as strong,
Shall beat while pulses throb to chivalry
And burn with hate of tyranny and wrong.
Whoever will may find him, anywhere
Save in the tomb. Not there, he is not there!"

In the yesteryear of long ago the first Easter shouted to the heavy-hearted, hopeless disciples, and today is telling all who will take time to listen: "We may know that we have crossed the threshold from death into life because of our love for others. He who has no love of others is still dead." (I John 3:14)

Among the gifts received for the care of displaced persons in Europe was one from an American mother who sent with her gift a note which read: "Ten dollars I give in forgiveness of the German lad who by no fault of his own killed my son."

- R. A. "Dad" Waite

LET'S START OFF WITH A *Bang!*

HELLO YB CAMPERS AND LEADERS EVERYWHERE!

On Wednesday, June 20th our 1951 season will get off to a good start. We're always thinking of you at home with your books and homework, gloves and galoshes, but what we're really hoping is that you will be back with us in four short months! And then we'll forget all about school and concentrate on five fun-filled weeks of Miniwanca-brand camping in Michigan.

Here comes the Easter Issue of our through-the-year camp paper, and all of us on the staff send you our heartiest greetings!

Joe Whitwam, our YB Camp Director for many years, is busy as Head of the Department of Physical Education in the Niles, Michigan high school. "Dad" Waite works with students on the Washington University campus here in St. Louis; "Kodaya" has been representing the American Youth Foundation in the "southland" this winter, speaking in schools and churches; "Charlie" Pauck, our Crafts Instructor for several seasons, is a professor of languages at Berea College, in Kentucky; and Gus Gruenewald has just returned from a two-week promotional trip that took him to Indiana, Ohio and the Chicago-Milwaukee area.

THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO MANY YB CAMPERS AND LEADERS

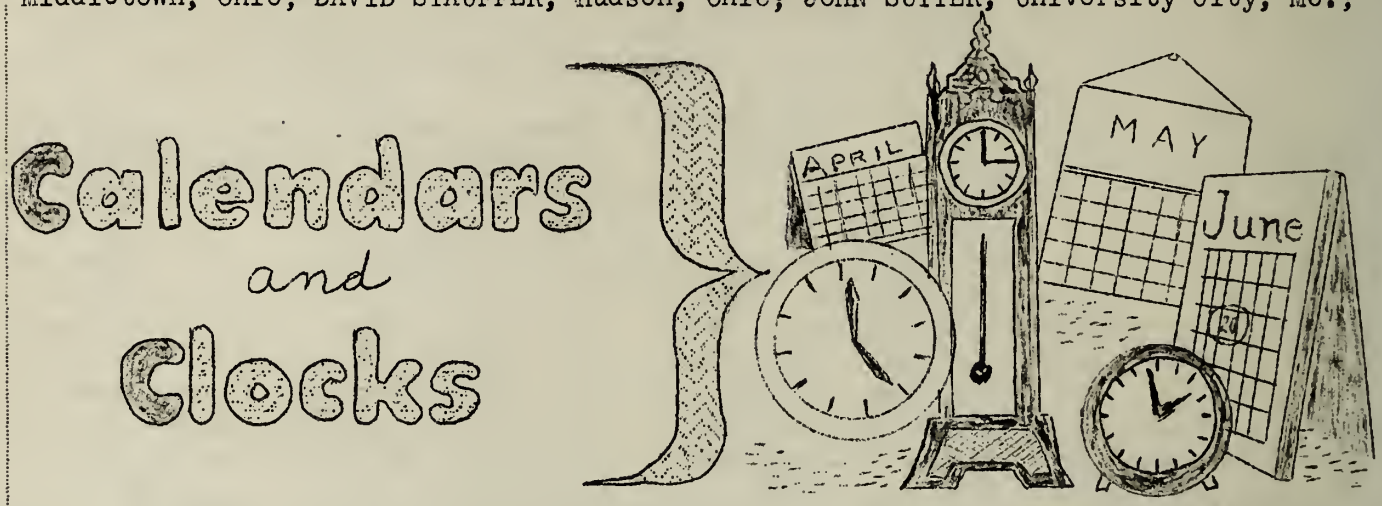
who enjoyed good times with us the last several years, and we hope you will all let your families and friends see it. After you have shared it, tonight is the night to talk with your folks about coming back for another dose of Miniwanca. We're all looking forward to our 22nd YB Camp birthday this summer, and it's going to be another great one....full of surprises! (The YG Camp will be 26 years old this summer (and by the way it is full already and waiting list places only are available) and for 38 summers older boys and girls have been coming to the senior camps in August.) That's one thing about the Founder Camps....you can always keep coming back as a camper or a leader!

Of course, you want to skip through these pages and find out who is coming back this summer, but let's be courteous and welcome all the new fellows first - and then we can see all the former campers who are returning for more Miniwanca fun and fellowship. As of this date, here are the names and towns of the new campers:

BRUCE ABEL, Dayton, Ohio; TOM ABIKO, St. Louis, Mo.; EDWARD BALL, Evanston, Ill.; ELDERED BELL, JR., St. Louis, Mo.; TOM BIGGS, Kirkwood, Mo.; KENYON BLOCKER, Indianapolis, Ind.; BUZZ BOWMAN, Los Angeles, Calif.; SHEPARD BRAUN, Glendale, Ohio; DAVID BRENNER, New Castle, Ind., GEORGE BRICKER, Harvey, Ill.; JOHN BROMLEY, Battle Creek, Mich.; CLYDE A. CASE III, Shaker Heights, Ohio, JAMES CLAYSON, JR., Itasca, Ill.; ALLEN CLOUTIER, Green Springs, Ohio; WILLIAM COLLEY, Evanston, Ill.; BOBBY CROWDER, Evanston, Ill.; JOHN DAVID DAVIES, Newton Square, Penna.; ROBERT JOHN DAVIES, Royal Oak, Mich.; DONALD DE ZUTTER, Webster Groves, Mo.; ROBERT DODSON, Silver Spring, Md.; RAY DUNCAN, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; THOMAS DUNGAN, Berea, Ky.; JAMES EASTMAN, Honesdale, Penna.; PAUL ERCKMAN, Dallas, Texas; RODNEY FLEDDERJOHN, Arcanum, Ohio; FRANK FLINT, Hart, Mich.; MICHAEL GRANUM, Washington, D.C.; GEORGE HARPER, Amlin, Ohio;(continued)

WELCOME!

2. EMERSON HOUSER, Indianapolis, Ind.; FRANCIS HUTCHINS, Berea, Ky.; ROBERT ILER, Louisville, Ky.; LAWRENCE JENKINS, Sikeston, Mo.; ANDERSON JONES, Danville, Ill.; RICHARD JUNKER, Cincinnati, O.; WILLIAM LATTA, LaGrange, Ill.; HARRY LEE, Vandalia, Ohio; NED LEMKEMEIER, University City, Mo.; RANDALL LISTERMAN, Shaker Heights, Ohio; GEORGE MENDENHALL, Richmond, Ind.; RICHARD OLDHAM, Kokomo, Ind.; BILL RAINFORD, University City, Mo.; DAN REEHORST, Westlake, Ohio; WILLIAM REEVES, III, Grand Rapids, Mich.; WILLIAM SCHUBERTH, LaGrange, Ill.; HENRY SCHWARTZ, JR., St. Louis, Mo.; GEORGE SEKERA, JR., Riverside, Ill.; S. SPAIN SENNE, Webster Groves, Mo., WILLIAM SIKKENGA, Shelby, Mich.; JOHN MILTON SMITH, Arcanum, Ohio; STEPHEN DREW SMITH, Middletown, Ohio; DAVID STAUFFER, Hudson, Ohio; JOHN SUTTER, University City, Mo.;



JERRY VAN SANT, River Forest, Ill.; DAVID WALKER, LaGrange, Ill.; JOHNNY WELBORN, Boone, N.C.; KIM WESTRUP, Webster Groves, Mo.; GEORGE WULFF III, St. Louis, Mo.

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T I M E F L I E S...or as the boy put it "Tempus goes fugit" and it won't be long until we'll be camping together again as a team, high on the sand dunes overlooking beautiful Stony Lake. And here's how some of the new campers feel about coming to Miniwanca for the first time, in a few short weeks from now:

JOHN DAVIES of Newton Square Pennsylvania writes -

> "This will be my first year at camp, but I am sure it will be a very nice one. From what I have heard I think I will enjoy the sailing and the band the most. But of course, all of it will be FUN."

BOB DODSON of Silver Spring, Maryland wrote on a post-card -

> "Some of the things I look forward to in YB Camp at Miniwanca this summer are FIRST, boating and other water sports; SECOND, meeting boys my age from other states; THIRD, night's doings down in the council circle. I think that I also would enjoy working in the Crafthouse."

RAY DUNCAN of Cape Girardeau, Missouri says -

> "I am looking forward to camp and sleeping out-of-doors by the lakes, swimming and sliding down "Old Baldy". I am also looking forward to meeting a lot of swell fellows. I hope to make a few handcraft items and do some sailing on Stony Lake. In fact, the whole program sounds like lots of fun to me."

COBURN EASTMAN of Honesdale, Pennsylvania tells us -

> "It is hard to believe that on a paper route at 6 a.m. when it's below zero and a hard wind blowing, that one can day-dream. Well, I do, of MINIWANCA.

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I wish I were there now sliding down "Old Baldy" and feeling the sand in my shoes as all the other members of my family have, before me. Miniwanca, here I come!"

P.S. - and we'll be sure to send a copy of this TRAIL to your friends Jerry Seibert at 1202 E. Street, Honesdale and to Robert Payne, of Seelyville, Penna.

(Editor)

and PAUL ERCKMAN of Dallas, Texas writes -

"This summer I am looking forward to meeting a lot of new friends and having a lot of fun. I like to fish, swim and go canoeing, and do many other kinds of things like that. I am sure I will enjoy Camp Miniwanca very much this summer."

SO LET'S GIVE THREE GREAT B-I-G CHEERS

for all the new men at Miniwanca, and we know the "old-timers" will be friendly to them and show them around the first day of camp....and help them have fun all during the five weeks of camp.

AT LAST!....here's the dope on who is returning for another year of training at Miniwanca:

JIM ADAIR, Overland, Mo.; PAUL ARMINGTON, Euclid, Ohio; DAVID ARTHUR, Clarinda, Ia.; DAVID BARSTOW, Midland, Mich.; THOMAS BLAKESLEE, Winnetka, Ill.; JOHN BOLZ, Walnut, Ill.; CALVIN BOYD and KENNETH BOYD of Oak Park, Ill.; MICHAEL BOYLE, Middletown, O.; DAVID BRICKER, Ladue, Mo.; DAVID BUCHER, Bloomington, Indiana; RICHARD BUGBEE, Charleston, West Virginia; BARKLEY CALKINS, Creve Coeur, Mo.; DONALD CAMPBELL, Mansfield, Ohio; RODNEY CAMPBELL, Mansfield, Ohio; MICHAEL CARTER, Middletown, Ohio; BILL CHAPMAN, Evanston, Ill.; WILLIAM CRAIN, Centralia, Ill.; EDWARD CROSS, Middletown, Ohio; RICHARD DARWENT, Wilmette, Ill.; PHIL DAVIS, University City, Mo.; ROBERT EISS, Neenah, Wisc.; FRED EYNON, Canton, Ohio; JOHN FECHTMAN, Indianapolis, Ind.; TONY FOLLETT, Evanston, Ill.; ROBERT GAERTNER, Bloomingdale, Ill.; EDWIN GRAY, Champaign, Ill.; WAYNE HALL, Cincinnati, Ohio; BRUCE HAMILTON, Canton, Ohio; RICHARD HAMMERSTEIN, St. Louis, Mo.; EDWIN HANLON, Westlake, Ohio; BURKE HAWKINS, Huntington, West Va.; DAN HAYES, Middletown, Ohio; JAMES HENSLEY, Clayton, Mo., DONALD HIGGINBOTHAM, Riverside, Ill.; DAVID HOFFMAN, Charleston, West Va.; BILL HOWARD, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; CHARLES R. HUNTINGTON, Spartanburg, S.C.; DONALD HUNTINGTON, Spartanburg, S.C.; JOHN ILER, Louisville, Ky.; PHILIP ICKE, Ouray, Colorado; BRIAN JOHNSON, Muskegon Heights, Mich.; DAVID KAGY, East St. Louis, Ill.; KARL KNEWITZ, East St. Louis, Ill.; JOHN B. LEWIS, St. Louis, Mo.; RICHARD LYMAN III, East Lansing, Mich.; JIM MACAULAY, DesMoines, Iowa; JOHN MC CALL, Hyattsville, Maryland; SANDY MC KINNON, Riverside, Ill.; ALLAN MEYER, Marietta, Ohio; ALBERT MUEHLENBROCK, JR., St. Louis, Mo.; ROBERT MULLEN, St. Louis, Mo.; STEVE OBERBECK, St. Louis, Mo.; HOWARD OHLINE, St.Louis,Mo.; ROBERT OLSON, Shaker Heights, Ohio; SHERWOOD PETERS, Plymouth Meeting, Penna; GODFREY PFLAGER, St. Louis, Mo.; ROBERT RHOADES, Lincoln, Nebr.; RICHARD ROWE, Sikeston, Mo.; JOHN RUHL, Grand Rapids, Mich.; EDWARD SCHLAKER, Cleveland, Ohio; GEORGE THOMPSON, Washington, Penna., FREDERICK THUT, Charleston, Ill.; JOHN WAGNER, Riverside, Ill.; HOWARD WAKEFIELD, JR., Chicago, Ill.; GUS WATTENBERG, St. Louis, Mo.; CHARLES WESTRUP, Webster Groves, Mo. and (continued)

4. GARY WILLIAMS, Chicago, Illinois. (new registrations are coming in weekly.)

BE SMART AS A FOX!

If one of the above lists **doesn't** show you as a camper signed up for this year, and you still hope to be one in '51....you had better chat with Mother and Dad tonight and see that your signed application card is mailed tomorrow morning on your way to school. Only 160 boys can enjoy our Miniwanca style of camping each summer, and as you can see, the camp is more than two-thirds full!

In these days when it looks like all young men will have to take their turn and answer the call to the armed services, parents know that their sons need experiences that are happy and steadying. Miniwanca camping offers the opportunity to build the kinds of Christian foundations which will put them in good stead in the days to come.

WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTERS from former campers who are anticipating another great summer on the sand-dunes by the lakes:

Clarinda, Iowa

Dear Wadjepi:

I want to add my welcome to the new boys who are coming to Miniwanca this summer. The high point of my own camping experience both years, has been the swell overnight hike to Little Point Sable, just north of us on Lake Michigan. Watching the sun go down and the lighthouse light go on before we made up our beds for the night, was something I'll always remember.

Your friend,

- DAVID ARTHUR

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Middletown, Ohio

Dear Wadjepi:

Welcome, all you new fellows. I'm sure you're going to have a great time at Miniwanca. You'll meet boys from all over

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the country and enjoy working and playing with them. Last year there were some swell times such as overnight hikes, learning about different hobbies, working on camp projects, sailing on Stony Lake, and Vespers on Vesper Dune. There is something doing every minute of the day. I can hardly wait to get back and I look forward to seeing you in June.

Founderly,

- MIKE BOYLE

: :

Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Wadjepi:

Greetings! So we'll be together this summer for five weeks at Miniwanca! It won't take you new campers long to get into the swing and spirit of Miniwanca. Fond are our memories of the morning dips, Dad's always being happy, the supper and SANDwiches on the beach, climbing "Old Baldy" and vespers on the dune with a view of the beautiful sunset. Come on, gang let's make it a great year. So long for now,

- DICK BUGBEE

: :

Bloomingdale, Illinois

Dear Wadjepi:

The good time I had at camp last

summer will be held in my memory forever. Miniwanca is the best camp I have ever gone to. The leadership is tops and the food is good too. I surely had a wonderful time with all the activities such as softball and night's doings. I also enjoyed the trek to Little Pt. Sable and I am sure the new campers will also. I send best wishes to all the new campers and I hope they have the same swell time I had last summer.

Yours truly,

- ROBERT GAERTNER

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Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Wadjepi:

I have been asked to write about some things I am looking forward to when I get back to Miniwanca. I am looking forward to the fine leadership that I had my first year. Also, the fun at night's doings, Stony Lake, Lake Michigan, the big dunes, the tents and vesper services. I surely hope all of you first year campers will have as much fun as I did my first year.

Sincerely,

- CHARLIE HUNTINGTON

: :

Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Wadjepi:

At camp this summer I am looking forward to many things. It's been a few years since I've been back, so I am interested in seeing what changes have been made. Also, I am looking forward to swimming, playing tennis, softball, and boating. I am sure I will have a good time.

Your friend,

- JOHN ILER

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!!

- that's what hundreds of boys have said about the program at Miniwanca. Most fellows like our brand of camping, and a big percentage of them come back for more and more. After you have had a good local experience in a "Y" camp or a Scout camp, then you are ready for a good national camp like Miniwanca. The program is a WOW!...SIGN UP NOW!

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Neenah, Wisconsin

Dear Wadjepi:

There is so much I could write about. The things I am looking forward to the most I guess, are those nights on the beach of Lake Michigan, and the evening vesper services on Vesper Dune.

As ever,

- BOB EISS

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The above picture of the boxers reminds us that the MINIWANCA SQUARE GARDENS were held in our new outdoor Council Circle for the first time last year. The shower room beneath the Eating Lodge was used as a dressing room. It all worked out fine!

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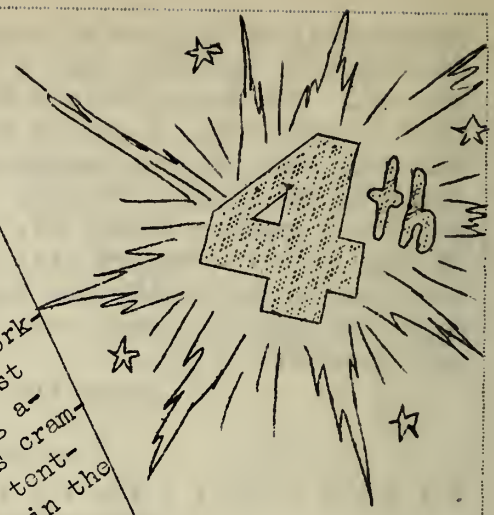
and we suggest that you do STOP - LOOK - and LISTEN to what these Miniwanca men have said about their camping according to the Founder Way. Talk about camp with you boy friends, and bring at least one of them along with you for some swell summer fun in fifty-one!

"MY OWN SELF - AT MY VERY BEST - ALL THE TIME"



Niles, Michigan

HI GANG! -

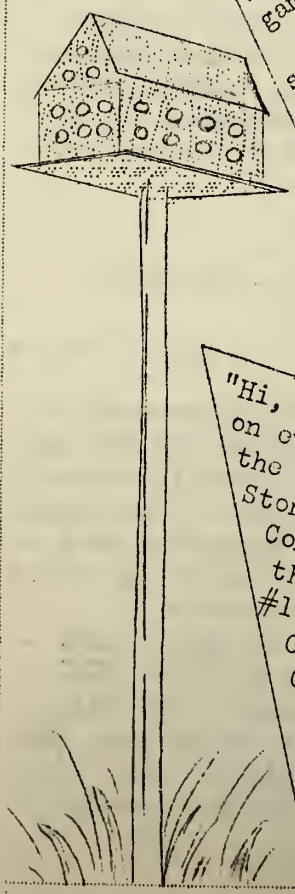
Snow is falling in almost blizzard proportions and a few days ago the mercury hit 20 degrees below, but in just a little more than three months YB will swing into action to start another swummer of thrilling Miniwanca adventure. You will want to be there to take part in all of the very happy events.

Looking back, we have memory crowd on memory of our days of fun and fellowship together. Do you remember working together to build the YB Council Circle and the first time we gathered in our very own circle for an evening around the fire? From rising bell to taps every day is crammed full of fun, with all of those good meals at our tent-group tables; Christian ideals; swimming; boating; tribal interest groups of our choice; working and learning in the games; vespers and the varied night's doings.

Yes, every regular day was full, but we also had many special days to look forward to such as THE FOURTH OF JULY - boat trips, the hike, County Fair Day, Leaders' Frolic, Dramatics group plays, Camper-Leader games, Topsy Turvy Day, and many, many others.

1950 was a great summer but we can promise even a greater and more exciting program for 1951. This summer will be noted as the year of surprises. Surprises in schedule, surprises in special days, surprises that will make every day eagerly awaited. And too, we count on each one of you to help in the planning of special events and extra activities you want to participate in during the summer.

Miniwanca camping carries with it the challenge to live life at its fullest and best. We look forward to greeting you on June 20. In anticipation, - JOE HITEAM



Dear Boys -

During the 1951 YB Camp the Craftshop will offer various new features. Basketry is a big new entry. And we hope bead weaving will go over in a big way. And we can always do more leatherwork. How about putting bead work on leather belts? Last summer more campers used the Crafthouse than ever before....let's make 1951 the banner year.

Your friend,

- CHARLIE

from Berea, Kentucky

"Hi, Steve" will be the shout heard on every hand by each and all of the former-timers on June 20th at Stony Lake. Why, you ask? Well! Coming up the steps, or will he be thrown out of a car on ball diamond #1 will be none other than Stephen Oberbeck who missed out last summer. Come on campers of '50, '49 and '48, snap out of any remaining hesitation and join Steve for a return engagement this summer.

- DAD

PARENTS PAGE

NOTE: A good camper shares this copy of his camp paper with his parents! Don't delay - show them this issue of THE TRAIL today! Here are a few things you will want to be talking over in advance with Mom and Dad.

FIRST, about duffel bags and camp trunks or lockers. A little later on, full information will be sent to parents regarding your camp clothes and equipment. Most parents already have the information. Some like to use duffel bags; others suitcases; and still other prefer small flat trunks. In a number of cases parents have had made a stout wooden box, with hinges and padlock, and that is a very good idea. BIG WARDROBE TRUNKS SHOULD NEVER BE BROUGHT TO CAMP. It is best to have a trunk that will slip under a cot - the heighth of which should not be more than 13" - and the width and length do not matter so much.

SECONDLY, we would like to suggest the use of laundry mailing cases again. For many years parents have been mailing boxes of fresh laundry each week, and the campers each week returns boxes of soiled clothes. To keep this exchange working on schedule, there really should be two laundry mailing boxes for a family. This plan also makes it unnecessary to ship all of your clothes to camp at the start of the camping period. Morever, it is the safest way to ship laundry and make sure the campers have clean clothes. At the close of the camp it's a good way to send things home, since boys sometimes become careless in wrapping boxes.

THIRDLY, a word about camper insurance. This plan has been in operation for several years and we are ready again to give it our hearty approval. The cost is low, $3.50 for the five week camping term, with a 48-hour travel coverage, both ways, and it covers trips away from camp under camp direction. The limit of reimbursement is $500 per accident, $250 per illness and $1,000 for accidental death. No one anticipates accidents or sickness, and the Camp Miniwanca health and safety record is an enviable one, and we shall do all in our power to keep it so. Coverage of this kind however, is very desirable protection. Full details will be sent later, including the name and address of the insuring company to which all applications should be sent.

FOURTHLY, concerning travel plans, it is a bit early to discuss details. Full information is being sought from the various railroads, bus companies, air lines and steamship lines and complete details regarding travel will later be sent to the parents of all registered campers. It is anticipated that our travel plans will be very much as they were last summer. Perhaps this year many parents will be interested in driving their children to camp.

FIFTHLY, it is suggested that early consideration be given to the way in which you plan to MARK ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT. We recommend name labels for clothing and bedding. Adhesive tape is usable on some items. It is very important that EVERY item be identified.

LASTLY, a suggestion in connection with camp correspondence. Many parents find it helpful to sit down with their sons and talk over this matter of how many letters they must write during the camping period and to whom. Sometimes lists of complete names and addresses are furnished, and in other cases envelopes and postcards that have been addressed and stamped are provided. We shall continue to do all we can to encourage the youngsters to write regularly and in an interesting manner, but it is wise to talk about this matter ahead of time. Our final thought would be to consider the whole matter of how much the camper is to spend in the Craftshop. We try to keep the costs down, but with the rising costs of all materials, it is understandable how the price of handicraft items has increased also. The only other "extras" are for a camp picture perhaps, and the Sunday church collections.

....at least slow down long enough to fill out the next page... Talk it over at the dinner table with your family tonight, and decide to bring a neighbor, friend or relative along with you to camp this year. I know you will have "sum fun" together. And years from now your buddy will thank you for introducing Miniwanca to him! Help a friend get signed up right for some good times ahead. Five minutes now may mean five weeks of happiness in June!

And here's our list of suggestions on what to

B R I N G T O C A M P

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS We always have a lot of fun in our tents, in the Four-Way Lodge, down in the Council Circle, at the closing Banquet, etc. with our instruments....so help us have a good band this year.

COMIC COSTUMES . . for the stunt nights, masquerades, or what have you. By the way, if you should find some old costumes you don't want any more, they would find a welcome spot in our Camp Costume Room.

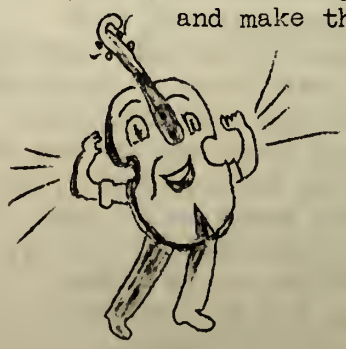
HOBBY MATERIALS . . things you may have started work on at home, and want to finish at camp - just pack them up and bring them along. Remember there are lots of tools in the Crafthouse to help you in your craftwork.

BOY SCOUT TEST MATERIALS Camp Miniwanca will again be fully accredited by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to pass tests, and dozens of boys pass various requirements each summer. If you need any special equipment, better bring it along - "Be Prepared".

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES We hope to have dozens of good books from the Michigan State traveling library again, but you probably have several favorite books and/or magazines you want to bring along with you. If you have some old copies of LIFE, POPULAR MECHANICS, BOY'S LIFE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and other good magazines which would still be readable, you may want to bring some of them to camp with you in the trunk of your car, so lots of boys can read them!

FISHING TACKLE SAY! IS YOUR FISH LINE OKAY? There are plenty of big fellows in Stony Lake if you are good enough to land them. And dozens of big bass are in the quiet holes of Stony Creek....that are just daring you to catch them! And if you get enough maybe you can have a tent-group fish-fry out in the open if you want to!

CAMERAS One of the most popular interest groups is the one in photography. The wonderful scenery and the many action-shots in the camp program, make wonderful subjects, and the boys have their own dark room in which to develop their films and make their prints. Bring your kodak along!



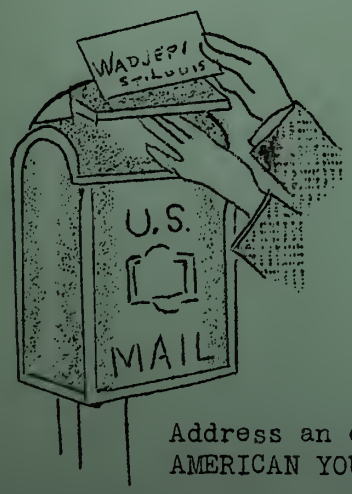
NOTE: Since there are only a limited number of places left in the 1951 YB Camp, IF YOU WANT YOUR FRIENDS TO HAVE SOME RARE EXPERIENCES WITH YOU NEXT SUMMER, ask their parents to sign an application card pronto! Mention how fellows come from great distances to attend Miniwanca, and how hundreds of red-blooded American boys have enjoyed the action-packed program. After five weeks at Miniwanca you F E E L F I T A S A F I D D L E !

I've Been Selling CAMP MINIWANCA to these friends -

- SO PLEASE send them a letter, a registration card, and a camp folder at once Wadjepi, and I think we can get their parents to sign them up before the 1951 Younger Boys Camp is full.

NAME (please print)	AGE	PARENTS INITIALS	ADDRESS

....and here are some "girl friends" who might be interested in YG for 1952 or 1953.



I'm sending you this list right away Wadjepi, because I surely hope one or two of my buddies can still get in YB and we can have some fun in the sun in Michigan this summer....and I think camping in the sand makes Miniwanca one of the best camps in the land.

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZONE ____ STATE _____

Address an envelope to the
AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3930 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo.

AND SO WE COME TO THE LAST PAGE of this issue of THE TRAIL. All of us in the office are working hard to have everything ready for next summer, and will do all in our power to make it the best camp ever!

Last year we built that swell, new outdoor council circle, the cement badminton court, and the very helpful Lauretta Holtzmann Memorial Health Center. We're reconditioning the sailboats this season, and Don Pierce assures us the waterfront will be in perfect shape for use on Wednesday, June 20th!

MISS RUTH STEINER will be back to serve as Dietitian for her ninth consecutive summer at Miniwanca...and you all know what good food she and her splendid Workstaff dish up!

We hope to spend MORE TIME OUT IN BIG LAKE MICHIGAN this summer fishing with the thousand foot gill nets. We saw some fish that measured 24" taken out of Stony Lake last summer, and who knows but what you may be the boy to land a big one! What we're trying to say is that there will be outdoor fun galore - and each day brings more!

I wish I could tell you for certain which college men will be back as Leaders, but with the present defense emergency situation we hesitate to list all the gentlemen we think will be on hand, because some of them might be called into active service. An unusually large number of college men have shown an interest in serving with us this summer, but Uncle Sam has first claim on their services. Many former OB campers want to come back if they possibly can, because they know Miniwanca is good conditioning experience for them - both physically, mentally, socially and religiously. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that many old-timers will be able to get back, and of course, thero are always some swell new leaders each summer. IF YOU KNOW OF SOME QUALIFIED YOUNG MAN (whether he has been to Miniwanca before or not) WHO THINKS HE MAY NOT HAVE TO GO INTO THE SERVICE UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TELLING US HIS NAME AND ADDRESS SO WE CAN CONTACT HIM AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF HIS SERVING AS A YB LEADER. We may have to take some high school graduates, so any of you receiving this paper (even though you have not been to college) and think you could help us out in this critical year be sure to write us at once. In any event you know we will have top-notch leadership....the very best we can muster. Miniwanca has always been noted for it's high quality leadership! And most of the leaders will have been to OB and know our four-fold philosophy of camping and know their way around the camp grounds.

We sincerely hope you are figuring on some more fun in the sun this summer....in our land of sand....and talk it up with your buddies at school, in your Scout Troop, at the "Y", in church or among your neighbors.

TEL - A - FRIEND....give him the VISION of a purposeful summer with boys from many states. Miniwanca is truly the place where the youth of the land have fun in the sand.

Here's hoping you are having a good year in school, and making a record of which you will always be proud. "B seeing ya'"

Your friend in good camping,

Wadjepi

P. G. Orwig, DIRECTOR AYF
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